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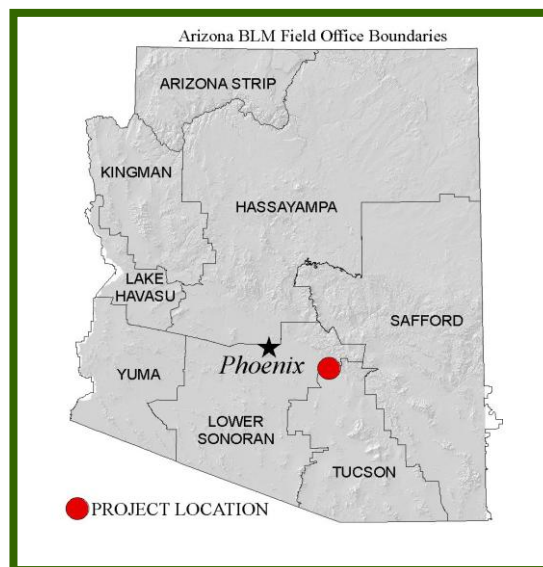
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Box Canyon Adit Closure

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Box Canyon is a popular destination for backcountry recreation. It is located in the historic Mineral Mountain mining district. As a result of past mining activities, the area is riddled with abandoned mine workings including shafts, adits, tunnels, and pits. A mine adit is a horizontal tunnel leading into a mine. Mine adits present a hazard to the public due to unstable roofs, fall hazards, potential for toxic atmospheres, as well as many other hazards. The mine adit that is the subject of this project is particularly hazardous due to the proximity of the adit to a popular back country travel route and also due to the configuration of the adit, a narrow, dark corridor leading to a vertical drop off into a mine shaft. BLM intends to remediate this hazard permanently by backfilling the mine adit and connected mine shaft.



Recovery Act Funding

Information about the funding allocated for this BLM Arizona ARRA project will be released after the contract has been awarded. The anticipated award date is April 30, 2010.

Benefits

The benefit of remediating this abandoned mine adit will be to provide increased safety to the visiting public and environmental protection, as well as provide employment for local companies with earthwork expertise.



More Information

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